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Mayor Vincent C. Gray to Swear-In Members of the District of Columbia Commission for Women

WHAT/WHO: Mayor Vincent C. Gray will administer the oath of office to newly appointed Commissioners of the D.C. Commission for Women.

"Women play a tremendously important role in our society," said Mayor Gray. "Their success impacts the health of our children, the strength of families and the overall economy. The work of this Commission will go a long way to increase the chances of success for women throughout the District."

WHEN: Thursday, July 26, 2012
5:30 pm

WHERE: John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Mayor's Press Room G-9

BACKGROUND: The Commission for Women was established in 1967 and authorized by law in 1978. The Commission works together with the District's Office on Women's Policy to assess the status of women and girls and recommend strategies for improvement. *"Support for the Commission's work is a direct expression of this Administration's commitment to gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls,"* said Terese Lowery, Executive Director of the Commission and Director of the Office on Women's Policy. Newly-appointed Commissioners bring diverse experience and expertise and represent each of the city's eight wards. The 21 Commissioners are: **Nona Mitchell Richardson (Chair), Toayoa Aldridge, Ann Barnet, Marian Bennett, Ferial Bishop, Wilma Bonner, Lorraine Carter, Niki Charles, Nusrat "Nuchhi" Currier, Crystal Espie, Janice Ferebee, Anne Garcia, Cynthia Harrison, Angela Knudson, Denese Lombardi, Ailena Mayo-Mills, Charlotte McConnell, Claudia McKoin, Shari Miles Cohen, Amoretta Morris and Jill Morrison.**

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